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For: Systems and Methods for Characterizing a Biological Condition or Agent  
Using Selected Gene Expression Profiles

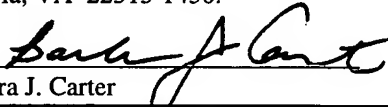
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f)(1)**

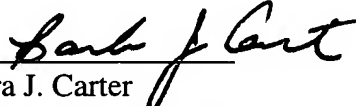
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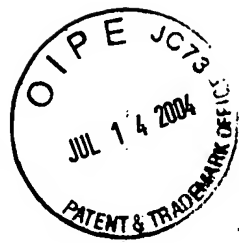
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for a continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

Systems and Methods for Characterizing a Biological Condition or Agent Using Selected Gene Expression Profiles

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification was filed on February 17, 2004, as Serial No. 10/781,558.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE
60/141,542	June 28, 1999
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